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First Named Inventor : Dieter STEINHAUSER  
Filed : June 30, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 3612  
Examiner : G A BLANKENSHIP  
Docket No. : 028987.52310US  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : Passenger Vehicle Structure and Method of Making Same

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This supplements the Information Disclosure Statements submitted in the above-identified application on March 24, 2004 and June 30, 2003.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

An English translation of the attached German Office Action will be forwarded under separate cover in the near term. We are awaiting receipt of the translation from our translator, and therefore no concise explanation for such foreign language documents is required. We note that U.S. Patent No. 5,853,857 was previously cited in the IDS filed on March 24, 2004. Therefore, a copy of this document is not enclosed. We further note that the Claims for EP 1 066 190 are translated into English starting on Page 5, Column 8.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee, and

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therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

If necessary, the paper should be considered as a petition for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2) and that the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(3) should be charged to Deposit Account 05-1323, Docket No.: 028987.52310US.

Respectfully submitted,

February 18, 2005



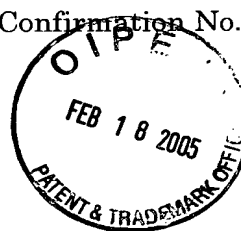
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

We note that this Office Action reflects January 27, 2004 as the date mailed. However, it is our understanding that the German Patent Office inadvertently dated this Action 2004 as opposed to 2005. The Assignee did not receive this document until February 8, 2005 as noted by a date-stamp on the first page of the Office Action.

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